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23rd March 2025

Third Sunday of Lent



Jubilee 24 Hours for the Lord:

24 Hours for the Lord is a worldwide initiative begun in 2014 by Pope Francis to encourage opportunities for extended periods of Eucharistic Adoration before the exposed Blessed Sacrament, as well as the Sacrament of Confession. It coincides with the weekend of the Fourth Sunday of Lent to encourage repentance in preparation for Easter.



24 HOURS FOR THE LORD

Jubilee 24 Hours for the Lord will take place in the Parish Church, Portlaoise

Friday 28th

Opening Mass at 10am.

Adoration will take place throughout the day.

Confessions after 10am Mass and from 6pm - 7pm.

Mass at 7.30pm (Remembering those who died during lockdown).

Stations of the Cross 9pm.

Saturday 29th

Concluding Mass at 10am.

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The Gardener, the Fig Tree and the Promise

When people die, especially in tragic or premature circumstances, we are left with a sense of injustice. There are some who will question what kind of God we have who can allow such unfairness. But the bottom line is that life simply isn't metered out to us in equal proportions. Death simply happens. There is no intent behind a natural disaster, and

because there is no intent there can certainly be no injustice. In biblical days people imagined that fatal disasters and terminal illnesses were sent as some kind of punishment from God. Had the victims brought about their own fate by living sinful lives? What will Jesus' answer be? No, of course untimely death is not sent as a punishment! But whilst we are pondering the fragility of our lives, Jesus reminds us that any one of us could die in similar circumstances. We only have to be in the wrong place at the wrong time. None of can bank on living to a ripe old age, and so we must consider how well we are prepared to live and how well we are prepared to die.

At first, today's reading feels uncomfortable. The parable of the fig tree reads like a threat. The tree is not bearing any fruit and so the master commands that it should be axed. A compassionate gardener begs that the tree be given a second chance, and so the master grants another year. It feels like a threat... bear fruit or else! But Jesus knows that threats don't bring out the best in us. Like the gardener who tends the tree and nurtures it, so Jesus is there for all who need a second chance. For those of us who make a commitment to live life in a better way, Jesus is there to support and guide us towards our goals. The parable has moved from something that sounds like a threat to something that sounds like a promise....something inspirational!

Lent is a time to address some begging questions. How many years have we spent making the same old mistakes? What must we do to make life different? It sounds obvious, but to achieve different results, we must do something different. We are invited to ask God for help in setting new priorities, and we must achieve results that reflect God's love for us, and our love for God.



The Feast of the Annunciation

On Tuesday March 25th, nine months before Christmas, we celebrate one of the Church's most important feast days, the Solemnity

of the Annunciation of the Lord. It is interesting to reflect that God did not need any human being in order to do his work, however, he chose to redeem us in a way that included human participation through a humble young woman's consent.

Mass times for the coming week

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Saturday

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Sunday

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CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION, THE HEATH

Sunday: 9.30am

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS, RATHENISKA

Sunday: 10am

CONFESSIONS

Saturday: After 10am Mass & after 6.30pm Mass.

Remembering all who died during Lockdown
A Mass will take place on Friday 28th March in the Parish Church, at 7.30pm.

Remembering the victims of COVID-19



If you would like your loved one to be remembered by name at this Mass please give the details to the Parish Centre by calling in or email

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A family member will be invited to light a candle in their memory. If we have a photo of the deceased it will accompany their name on the screen in the Parish Church. (A photograph may also be displayed if you wish to provide one). Please have this into the Parish office by Wednesday 26th March. Thank you.

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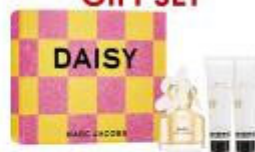
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Time to Think!

PEACE OF MIND

— What is peace of mind ?

What is peace of mind?

This week we celebrate the effects of the spring equinox. For the next six months there will be more light than darkness. Light is good for the mind and body. As we prepare for the Season of Easter, we first have to face the darkness of Good Friday. Peace is a sacred gift. Peace of mind, is a feeling of being safe or protected, it is the absence of worry. It's achieving a calm state of mind regardless of your situation and circumstances.

The most important step to achieving peace is to acknowledge the fact that you have control over your mind, including your thoughts and how you respond to others. If you refuse to take responsibility for your reactions to others then you will never live in peace. However, when you accept that you are in control of how you respond to people and situations you can begin to make progress in this area instead of living controlled by things that are happening around you

Here are 7 tips to help you stay focused in order to experience peace of mind.

Nourish your spirituality.

Every person has spirituality. Whatever moves or expresses your spirit or inner energy is part of your spirituality. In some senses your spirituality is expressed in every aspect of your personal and public life. It is just part of who you are – woven into and expressed through every thought, feeling, and action. There are many definitions of spirituality. Any of them can be helpful in understanding this important yet mysterious part of life. Ultimately, none of them captures the whole reality, but what becomes clear is that spirituality has these core elements:

A nourished spirituality allows you to push out the worrying and nagging thoughts that creep into your mind. It helps you to take control of anxiety and stress. This allows you to experience peace even if things in life aren't perfect. And the physical benefits are numerous.

Limit your use of social media.

There are things that are good about social media, but there are also lots of studies that show the ways that it can be harmful to the mental health of its users. The use of social media tends to cause us to compare the good, the bad, and the ugly of our lives with the highlight reel that friends and family are sharing. The messy parts of your life are never going to compare with the highlights that other people are sharing. Therefore, if you are struggling with peace and constantly find yourself comparing yourself to others on social media it can be best to stay off the platforms.

Social media is also a distraction. It feeds our FOMO (fear of missing out) craving. With access to social media on our phones, it's easy to be tempted into stopping what you are trying to work on or think about in order to "check" what's going on with friends and family.

Let go of the past.

Getting hung up on the things that have happened in the past make it difficult to stay focused on the present and the future. Focusing our attention on things that we cannot change makes it difficult to maintain peace of mind. If there is something from the past that you can correct, then do it. Otherwise, it's time to forgive others, forgive yourself, and move on. Don't be easily offended.

It is much easier to maintain peace of mind when you let things roll off your back. If you take offense at every little thing that other people do and say, you will remain in a constant state of frustration. Your thoughts will feel out of control and you will quickly lose your peace. However, if you focus on believing the best in others you are shifting your thoughts which will make finding peace much easier.

Choose your battles carefully.

If you make it your personal mission to correct everyone who is doing something you don't agree with you are going to live in a constant state of strife. And it will be near impossible to keep your mind focused on what you want to focus on. Just like parents are taught to choose their battles with their children, you want to do the same thing with the people and situations you face daily. For example, you might not agree with a conversation that is happening between your coworker and your boss, but if you are not part of the conversation it's best to stay out of it. If you choose to involve yourself you could be putting yourself in a position of choosing sides, putting your job at risk, and adding stress that you don't want in your life.

Make time to journal.

Journaling is a great way to release those thoughts that are bogging down your mind. You can write out your stresses and worries and then once they are out of your head, release them altogether. Some people like to rip up or burn the paper as a symbolic way of showing that they are letting go of those thoughts.

Journaling also helps you to process through situations and see things in a different light. Take the time to write about your day, learn from it, and move on from it.

Incorporate times of silence and solitude into your schedule.

Constantly being in the hustle and bustle of life is a sure-fire way to lose peace of mind and focus. This doesn't mean that you should avoid people at all costs, however, taking time to get away from everyone else and be in total silence can help you to reconnect with yourself. If you find that you have lost all peace, you might need to take a solitude retreat. You could get away for a weekend alone or simply an afternoon. Find a quiet place to retreat to. Allow yourself to think about the thoughts that have been rolling around in your head. Then, decide how to deal with those thoughts. Allow yourself to recharge during this time.

Sometimes it can be difficult to realize what we are thinking and how those thoughts are impacting us. If you are struggling to obtain peace of mind you could benefit from a conversation with a local therapist. They know the right questions to ask to help you get to the root of your struggle. Then, they can provide you with actionable steps to help you find and live in peace.

Serenity Prayer

God grant me the serenity
To accept the things I cannot change;
Courage to change the things I can;
And wisdom to know the difference.
Living one day at a time;
Enjoying one moment at a time;
Accepting hardships as the pathway to peace;
Taking, as He did, this sinful world
As it is, not as I would have it;
Trusting that He will make things right
If I surrender to His Will;
So that I may be reasonably happy in this life
And supremely happy with Him
Forever and ever in the next.

- Amen.

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Living a Fruitful Life

What is your favourite fruit? Apples, oranges, peaches, bananas?. Mine is Apples. Yum! Yum! Do you know what I think would be great? I think it would be great to have a lot a fruit trees in your yard so that any time you wanted a snack, you could just go out and pick a piece of fruit off of the tree. But what if you had an fruit tree in your yard that never had any fruit on it? It wouldn't be good for anything except shade, would it?



In the Gospel today, Jesus told a story about a man who planted a fig tree in his garden. After some time had passed, he went to look for some fruit on the tree, but there was none. Year after year he watched the tree, but the tree never produced any fruit. Finally, the man went to the gardener who took care of the tree and said to him, "For three years I have been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and haven't found any. Cut it down! It is just taking up space in the garden."

The gardener answered, "Please, sir, give it one more chance. Leave it for another year. I will give it special attention. I will dig around the tree and give it plenty of fertilizer. If the tree produces fruit next year, great, if not, then you can cut it down."

In telling this story, Jesus was really talking about us and about God. God has "planted" us here on this earth and he expects us to produce good fruit in our life. What kind of fruit does he expect? When He looks at the way we live our life, he wants to see things like love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, and gentleness. There are times when he is disappointed in what he sees, but he is willing to give us another chance.

What can we do to help us produce the kind of fruit that God expects? We can worship regularly, read his Word, and pray. Those things will help us to live a fruitful life.

Prayer

Heavenly Father, we know that you expect good things from your children. Help us live a life that will be pleasing to you. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



Confession/Contrition

Sometimes we say sorry for letting someone down or hurting someone or failing to do the right thing 'forgive us our trespasses'

Thanksgiving

Sometimes we pray giving thanks to God because things are going well in our lives 'hallowed be thy name'



WHY DO WE PRAY



Petition

Sometimes we pray to God asking his help when times are difficult or we are powerless to help someone we love.

Intercession

Some people pray because they have illness or suffering in their lives

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Date: Friday 28th March

Time: 10am - 12 noon

**Venue: Nano Nagle Hall,
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Tea/Coffee and light refreshments.
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world find refuge and
the light of hope?'*

John Paul II



Welcome to the Feast of Mercy being celebrated at:

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Sunday 27th April 2025

Ceremonies commence with Confessions from 2pm,

Mass starting at 2.45pm

Blessing with Blessed Sacrament.

Veneration of the Divine Mercy Image

Blessing with St. Faustina's Relic

All are welcome



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Church of St Peter and Paul

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SATURDAY 22ND MARCH 2025

@ 6.30PM MASS

&

SUNDAY 23RD MARCH 2025

@ 9AM & 11.30 AM MASS

VENERATION AFTER ALL MASSES

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Alanon Family Group for family, friends or anyone affected by someone struggling with alcoholism.

Alanon meeting every Thursday night at 8pm in Portlaoise. For further info **contact 086-8706017**.

Daffodil Day Coffee Morning In aid of the Irish Cancer Society, on Friday, 28th March at The Heath Golf Club. Join us for coffee/tea and light refreshments from 10:30am to 1:00pm. All are welcome!

Portlaoise Active Retirement meets every Wednesday at 3pm in the Parish Centre for an afternoon of fun and activities. New members welcome!

Monday 24th March, join us for bowling in St. Mary's Hall from 2-4pm.

Wednesday 26th March, it's Sports Day at 3pm in the Parish Centre.

Thursday 27th March, join us for cards and chat in Sue Ryder Centre, Kilminchy at 3pm. For more details, contact Maria at 087 9187157.

Whist Drive Results – Tuesday, March 18th, Parish Centre:

Top Score - Peter Stevenson; **1st Lady** - Mary Gowing, **2nd Lady** - Sadie Chester; **1st Gent** - Christy Fitzpatrick, **2nd Gent** - Tom Kearns; **1st Half** - Ann Marie Farrell, **2nd Half** - Tom Kearns;

13 Tricks - Mary Delaney & Paric Dowling.

Raffle winners: 1st Terry Dunne, 2nd Peter Stevenson, 3rd Rita Arrigan, 4th Paric Dowling, 5th Christy Fitzpatrick, 6th Catherine Galvin. Thank you for your support. Whist continues every Tuesday at 7:30pm in the Parish Centre. New members always welcome



Graiguecullen Bingo: Tuesday 25th March. St. Fiaccs Hall at 8.30pm. Jackpot on 50 numbers €2,260. Double number €810, Lotto €600.

RELIGIOUS NOTES

Divine Mercy Chaplet 3pm every Sunday in the Parish Church.

Rosary in the Church of the Assumption, the Heath: Daily 2pm (Monday to Saturday). Sunday 3pm (Adoration).

Rosary will be recited in Sts. Peter and Paul's Parish Church every evening at 7pm.

Vocations Society of St. Joseph: Holy Hour, Adoration, Prayer for vocations, 3pm Friday in the Parish Church.

Legion of Mary – Meetings: Every Wednesday at 6.30pm in the Parish prayer hall. All are welcome!

Relics of St. Thérèse of Lisieux & Her Parents, St. Louis & St. Zélie Martin: The relics will visit St. Peter & Paul's Church, Monasterevin, Co. Kildare. **Saturday, 22nd March 2025:** 6.30pm Mass with veneration afterwards. **Sunday, 23rd March 2025:** 9.00am Mass and 11.30am Mass celebrated by

Bishop Denis Nulty, with veneration afterwards.

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Stations of the Cross: Friday evenings during lent at 7.30pm. St. Brigid's Church Shanahoe, Abbeyleix R32 AH90.

SPIORAID NAOIMH PRAYING COMMUNITY

Growth in the Holy Spirit Monthly Retreat

St. Peter and Paul's Parish Church, Portlaoise
Saturday, 29th March 2025 | 10.00am – 1.30pm
Holy Mass at 10.00am (Confessions available).
Retreat continues in Ratheniska Room, Parish Centre at 10.45am with Exposition, Rosary, Holy Spirit Novena, Praise & Worship, Teaching, and Prayer Ministry.

Contact: Michael Nerney 086 8157305
Spiritual Director: Fr. Ruairi O'Domhnaill P.P
www.spioraidnaoimh.com

All Welcome!

COFFEE MORNING & CAKE SALE FRIDAY, 11TH APRIL

In aid of the Fatima Fund Committee. The committee would be very grateful to anyone who would like to bake for the sale.

Our raffle will also take place during the event. Anyone with outstanding tickets, please return them to Maura or any committee member, or leave them in the Parish Centre.

For more information, contact
Maura: 087 1210263.

East Midland Parkinsons:

East Midlands Parkinsons Support Group will hold a General Meeting for all people with Parkinsons and Carers on Saturday March 29th at 2pm in The Community Centre, Monasterevin W34 FH24. The meeting is open to all persons with Parkinsons in counties Laois and Kildare. Kathy Foley, Parkinsons Nurse Specialist will give a presentation on the day on all aspects of Parkinsons Disease. For further information please contact John 087 2712448

Walk in the Park for Parkinsons will take place on Saturday, 5th April at 11am in Colt G.A.A grounds, Raheen, Abbeyleix R32 V085. Visit www.parkinsons.ie to register in advance. Refreshments will be served afterwards in Doogues Bar, Raheen. All support greatly appreciated.

ADORATION - SS Peter & Paul Church, Portlaoise

Adoration takes place Monday to Friday after 10am Mass until 7pm, Saturday 2-6pm, and Sunday 2-7pm.

We invite anyone who can commit to spending time in adoration each week to contact Helena (087 9611331) or Ray (089 2502878), to help ensure someone is present with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament at all times.



"Could you not watch with me one hour?" - Mt 26:40

**OUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR
THOSE WHO DIED RECENTLY**



**FRANCES
DUFF
(née Brophy)
Ballyknockan,**



**PETER
MURRAY
Kilminchy**

*Even though I walk through the darkest
valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me;
Your rod and your staff - they comfort me.*

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

Our sympathy to their families.

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Anniversary Remembrance*

Anniversary occurs 28th March 2025



Just close your eyes and you will see,
All the memories that you have of me,
Just sit and relax and you will find,
I'm really still there inside your mind.

Don't cry for me now I'm gone,
For I am in the land of song,
There is no pain, there is no fear,
So dry away that silent tear.

Don't think of me in the dark and cold,
For here I am, no longer old,
I'm in that place that's filled with love,
Known to you all as "up above".

*From her loving family Mickey, Tommy, Ann, P.J.,
Eileen, John, grandchildren and
great-grandchildren.*

May Annie Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of
MAURA PHELAN

*Killeaney, Kilbricken, Mountrath.
2nd Anniversary occurs 23rd March 2025*



*Anniversary Mass will be
celebrated in St. Brigid's
Church, Shanahoe, this Sunday
March 23rd, at 12 noon.*

If we could visit Heaven
If only for a day,
Maybe for a moment,
The pain would go away.
We would put our arms around
you and whisper words so true,
That living life without you,
Is the hardest thing to do.
No matter how we spend our
days, no matter what we do,
No morning dawns, or evening falls,
That we don't think of you.

*Deep in our hearts you will always
stay loved and remembered every day by your loving
husband James, daughter Lisa, son James,
son-in-law Tony, daughter-in-law Helen, adoring
grandchildren Nicole, Cayden, Connie and James,
extended family and many friends.*

Rest in Peace Maura



In Loving Memory of
THOMAS BROPHY

Late of Market Sq. Portlaoise.

58th Anniversary occurs 25th March. Died 25/3/1967.



*Will those who think of him today,
A little prayer to Jesus say.*

**Also remember his daughter
Phyllis during this time**

**Always remembered by his son
John and family and extended
families.**

May they both Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of
**LILLIAN O'NEILL
CORCORAN**

Late of Clontyglass, Portlaoise.

*2nd Anniversary occurs 30th
March 2025*



*We cannot have the old days back
when we were all together,
But silent tears and loving thoughts
will be with us forever.*

**Sadly missed by your husband
Richard, children Darragh, Sean, Rory
and Kate, parents Tony, Eilish siblings and family.**

Rest in Peace Lillian

In Loving Memory of
PATRICIA NORTON

*11th Anniversary occurs 19th March
2025*



*Gone are the days we used to share,
But in our hearts you're always there,
Loved with a love beyond all telling,
Missed with a grief beyond all tears.*

*Patricia's Anniversary Mass will be
celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish
Church, Saturday 22nd March at 6.30pm.*

Sadly missed by all her loving family and friends.

May Patricia Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of
PHILIP LEWIS

The Heath, Portlaoise.

*1st Anniversary occurs on 25th
March 2025*



*The Anniversary Mass will be
celebrated at the Church of the
Assumption, The Heath, on Sunday,
23rd March 2025, at 9:30 AM.*

**Sadly missed by his wife Peggie,
daughters Anne & Irene, sons Philip,
Michael, Sean, Padraig, and Bernard, sons-in-law
and the late son-in-law Anthony, grandchildren,
and great-grandchildren.**

Rest in Peace Philip

In Loving Memory of
JOHN DEVOY

Borris Great, Portlaoise.

4th Anniversary occurs 28th March 2025.



*Anniversary Mass will be celebrated
in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church,
this Saturday 29th March at 6:30pm.*

**Greatly missed and
fondly remembered by
family and friends.**

Rest in Peace Dad

In Loving Memory of
Our Dear Mother
HANNAH TUOHY

10 Marian Avenue, Portlaoise.

10th Anniversary occurs 23rd March 2025

**Also a Prayer and thought for our Brother PA
7th Birthday away from us occurred 17th March.**



*Think of them
as living in the
hearts of those
they touched.
For nothing
loved is ever
lost and they
are loved so
much.*



**Sadly missed but remembered each
day with so much love from all the
Tuohy family and xxx**

May They Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of
TOM WALL

23 Beladd, Portlaoise.

9th Anniversary occurs 24th March 2025.

*Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter and
Paul's Parish Church this Sunday 23rd March at 10am.*



*Your life was one of kindly deeds,
A helping hand for other's needs,
Sincere and true in heart and mind,
Beautiful memories you left behind.*

**Sadly missed by his loving wife
Lily and family.**

Rest in Peace Tom

BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE

Precious Memories of a Dear
Son and Brother

MARTIN WALSH Jnr.

118 St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.

51st Birthday Remembrance occurs 26th March



*Our lives go on without you Martin
but nothing is the same,
The special years will not return when
we were all together.*

*Thinking of you today and always,
your ever loving Mother Margaret,
brother Joseph, sisters Mary, Tina,
Attracta, Patricia and Colette,
brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law,
nephews, nieces and extended family.*

Also thinking of his Father Martin and Brother
Anthony at this time.

May They Rest in Peace

*A pure heart create
for me, O God*



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For further information please contact
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Matthew 28:20





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Everyone welcome!



Pat Ryan (Chairman and Trustee of Portlaoise Boxing Club), Edward Harty (European Welterweight Champion, Portlaoise Boxing Club), and Monsignor John Byrne (Trustee, Portlaoise Boxing Club). Edward Harty will compete in the All-Ireland Final this coming Saturday. Edward has ambitions to represent Portlaoise Boxing Club and Ireland in the next Olympics. Best wishes to Edward in his All-Ireland Final!.

Portlaoise Parish



Results for
20th March 2025

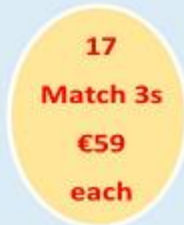


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Tom Hilliard
Mick Shortall
David Smith
Catherine Kelly
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Clergy of the Parish



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Fr. Adriano de Oliveira
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Fr. Erick Ebot SVD



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